House Bill 4981 (As Introduced)

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The bill amends the Michigan Consumer Protection Act by amending Section 4. Language is added to subsection (1) that the act applies to any unfair, unconscionable, or deceptive method, act, or practice and creates a cause of action against a company who engages in that method, act or practice. The current exceptions to subsection (1) are maintained. The bill also provides that a person who claims the act does not apply to a method, act, or practice because of an exception or exemption bears the burden of proof. "Company" is defined in the bill as a person engaged in trade or commerce.